Bookmarking and Linking Directly to Information on Regulations.gov

If you often return to Regulations.gov to look for updates on specific topics, agencies, or dockets or if you manage a website or comment on blogs and want a way to direct people towards specific information, Regulations.gov makes it easy to return to your favorite searches and dockets and provide links on your website to search results, dockets, documents, and comment forms. Here are a few tips to help you put the information that is most important to you at your fingertips.

Searches

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of Regulations.gov search results reflects the word or phrase as well as any filtering options you selected. You can copy this URL out of your browser to share with other people or post to your website. Here are a few examples that you might find useful.

1. *Check for recently posted comments on a specific keyword:*

Sample Sequence using Regulations.gov	The URL will look like
Search for **school lunch nutrition**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;rpp=10;po=0;s=**s chool**%252B**lunch**%252B**nutrition**
Filter the search results by agency, selecting Food and Nutrition Service (**FNS**)	http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;a=**FNS**;rpp=10;po=0;s=school%252Blunch%252Bnutrition
Filter the document type to only show **Public Submissions**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;a=FNS;dct=**PS**;rpp=10;po=0;s=school%252Blunch%252Bnutrition

2. *Check for newly posted items from a specific agency:*

Sample Sequence using Regulations.gov	The URL will look like
Search for items posted by **EPA**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;a=**EPA**;rpp=10;po=0
Sort the results to show the **most recently posted items first**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;a=EPA;rpp=10;**so =DESC**;sb=postedDate;po=0

3. *Check for all items open for comment from a specific agency:*

Sample Sequence using Regulations.gov	The URL will look like
Search for items posted by **EPA**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;**a=EPA**;rpp=10;po=0

Filter the search results to show just the items **open for comment**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!**searchResults;a=EPA;cp=O**;rpp =10;so=DESC;sb=postedDate;po=0
Filter further to just show **Proposed Rules open for comment**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!searchResults;a=EPA;cp=O**;dct =PR**;rpp=10;so=DESC;sb=postedDate;po=0

Note: Make sure you copy the entire URL! All of the characters are important even if they are not easy to translate into recognizable words.

Dockets

If you want to follow the progression of items posted to a particular docket, much like the search results examples above, you can copy the default URL or incorporate the filters you selected to return quickly to your customized view of the docket. See the examples below:

Sample Sequence using Regulations.gov	The URL will look like
View the docket for Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (Docket ID **FNS-2007-0038**)	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;dct=FR%252BPR %252BN%252BO%252BSR;rpp=10;po=0;D=**FNS-2007-0038**
Change the default filter to include **Public Submissions**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;dct=FR%252BPR %252BN%252BO%252BSR%252B**PS**;rpp=10;po=0;D=FNS-2007-0038
Change the **sort** order to show the most recently **posted documents**	http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;dct=FR%252BPR %252BN%252BO%252BSR%252BPS;rpp=10;**so=DESC;sb=post edDate**;po=0;D=FNS-2007-0038

Documents

Bookmark a document link or share the link with your readers simply by copying the URL from your browser. If you are familiar with the structure of the Document IDs used in Regulations.gov, you'll see that the URL is predictable. See the Advanced Linking section below for more information.

Comment Form

While Regulations.gov encourages everyone to read up on an issue before commenting on it, sometimes you may just want to provide a link to the comment form. Share the link with your readers simply by copying the URL from your browser. If you are familiar with the structure of Document IDs used in Regulations.gov, you will see that the URL is predictable. See the Advanced Linking section below for tips on how to generate these URLs.

Categories/Topics

Regulations.gov allows users to browse regulations by broad categories as well as specific topics. You can copy, share, or bookmark them just like any other URLs.

Advanced Linking Using Specific IDs and Predictable URLs

Regulations.gov supports linking to the Document Details screen by using the Document ID (e.g., FDIC-2012-0013-0001). Using the Document ID, the URL to Regulations.gov is
http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FDIC-2012-0013-000.

You can also use the Document ID to directly link to the Submit a Comment page, for example:
http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FDIC-2012-0013-0001. ***Please Note*** that once the comment period closes on the document, this link will expire.

You can link to Regulations.gov using the Federal Register (FR) Number published in the *Federal Register*. Regulations.gov provides an alternative FR URL parameter where FR = *FRnumber*. For example: http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;FR=2012-02630. Note that linking by FR number is only supported on the Document Details screen. The Submit a Comment screen will not accept the FR URL parameter.